

**LEMON GROVE CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Item No. 1.F
Mtg. Date July 19, 2016
Dept. City Manager's Office

Item Title: Resolution in Support of the Welcoming Communities Campaign

Staff Contact: Lydia Romero, City Manager

Recommendation:

Consider a request to adopt a resolution (**Attachment A**) in support of a Welcoming Communities Campaign, a White House Initiative to strengthen immigrant integration. |

Item Summary:

Staff presents a request from the organization Alliance San Diego to consider a resolution (**Attachment A**) that supports the White House Task Force on New Americans Welcoming Communities Campaign. Currently, 48 cities across 26 states have signed on to support this Initiative. The Welcoming Communities Campaign includes three tiers for involvement — tier one expresses support for the Campaign; tier two and three requires staff and resources to implement.

Staff is recommending approval of the attached resolution expressing support, inline with the tier one option, for the Welcoming Communities Campaign.

Alliance SD is a community empowerment organization that builds coalitions to promote justice and social change.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Environmental Review:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not subject to review <input type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption, Section | <input type="checkbox"/> Negative Declaration <input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated Negative Declaration |
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Public Information:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter article | <input type="checkbox"/> Notice to property owners within 300 ft. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Notice published in local newspaper | <input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood meeting | |

Attachments:

A. Resolution

Attachment A

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-_____

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEMON GROVE, CALIFORNIA
SUPPORTING THE WHITE HOUSE TASK FORCE ON NEW AMERICANS WELCOMING
COMMUNITIES CAMPAIGN**

WHEREAS, in September 2015, the White House Task Force on New Americans launched the Building Welcoming Communities Campaign to encourage local communities to engage in local immigrant efforts; and

WHEREAS, a greater number of refugees have resettled and found home in San Diego than other areas in the State; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lemon Grove is a vibrant and thriving community with ethnic, racial and religious diversity; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lemon Grove encourages the active participation of all its residents in the life of our community, including education and civic participation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lemon Grove is committed to recognizing the diversity of all its residents and the diverse contributions of both immigrants and native-born; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lemon Grove recognizes that all people are deserving of the assurance of the basic principles of equity and human rights guaranteed to all people by the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Mayor and City Council of the City of Lemon Grove supports the Welcoming Communities Campaign and urges the County of San Diego to establish a Welcoming Community program across the County.

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